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SUBJECT: US-CUBAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: PRESS COMMENT

1. HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (6/15/77) CARRIES
EDITORIAL HEADLINED "MUCH TO BE DONE" COMMENTING ON
CASTRO'S VIEW THAT NORMAL US-CUBAN RELATIONS
UNLIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING PRES CARTER'S
CURRENT TERM. EDITORIAL STATES IT IS CLEAR THAT
CASTRO NOT IN MOOD TO SETTLE FOR HALF-MEASURES
LIKE PARTIAL LIFTING OF US TRADE EMBARGO AND NOTES
THAT HIS CATEGORICAL APPROACH TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF
NORMAL RELATIONS IS LESS THAN ENCOURAGING.

2. EXPRESSING A MILD WISH (MORE PROPERLY, PERHAPS,
A WILD WISH) THAT CUBA WOULD BE EQUALLY INDEPENDENT IN ITS
DEALINGS WITH SOVIET BLOC POWERS, EDITORIAL INDICATED THAT
US-CUBAN RELATIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO CANADA BECAUSE OF
IMPORTANCE OF HEMISPHERICAL(SIC) SOLIDARITY.
ALSO--AND DESPITE UNBROKEN DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL
LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND CUBA--NEAR PRESENCE OF A
COMMUNIST NATION IS VERY MUCH OF AN ACHILLES HEEL.
IT IS THEREFORE HOPED THAT US-CUBAN TIES CAN BE
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FORGED IN LESS TIME THAN CASTRO CONTEMPLATES.

3. COMMENT. THE BLAND HAND OF THE NEWSPAPER S
EDITORIAL WRITER HAS ONCE AGAIN FASHIONED A
PIECE OF FLUFF OF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF LINEAR
INCHES FROM WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A MEATY EDITORIAL.
IMPLICATION THAT RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL US-CUBAN

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD OF ITSELF SOMEHOW BRING
ABOUT "HEMISPHERICAL SOLIDARITY" IS INDICATIVE OF THE
DEPTH OF THE POLITICAL INSIGHTS OFFERED BY THE
EDITORIAL AS A WHOLE. END COMMENT.

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